

Rogers To Lead Democrats in Crushing Wall Street, Obama

by Harley Schlanger

Jan. 6—LaRouche candidate for the Democratic Party nomination for Senate from Texas, Keshia Rogers, is setting the pace for Democrats nationally, with her campaign to crush Wall Street, through reinstating Glass-Steagall, impeaching Obama, and advocating policies which promote scientific and technological advance, in the tradition of FDR and JFK. Rogers, who won Democratic primaries for Congress in 2010 and 2012 in the 22nd C.D., began her campaign in early December, headed toward a March 4 primary vote.

Rogers won national attention with her previous campaigns, as a Democrat prepared to tell the truth about the crimes of Obama against the nation—from his protection of Wall Street to the dismantling of NASA, and his illegal wars. Today, she is poised to again take national leadership, as Congress returns to Washington to confront the murderous austerity drive being rammed through by Obama and the Republican-led Congress.

As she put it in a Dec. 13 open letter to her fellow Texans:

“Now is the time to speak the truth, frankly and boldly. Unless the Democratic Party follows my lead, and immediately and publicly breaks with Wall Street, and crushes its fascist genocidal program, this nation will soon be lost. Obama can, and must be removed, immediately. Wall Street can, and must be crushed. I am rallying the American people to join me in forming an alliance of real producers—farmers, industrialists, scientists,

and more—who will reassert the real American tradition of progress, not seen for 50 years, since the leadership of a real Democratic President, John F. Kennedy.”

Glass-Steagall Blocked

Leadership, like that of Rogers, is desperately needed in Congress, and throughout the nation. Despite President Obama’s opposition, four bills have been introduced into the Congress in favor of restoring Glass-Steagall—two in the Senate and two in the House. H.R. 129, the bill to “Restore Prudent Banking,” was introduced in January of 2013, and now has 79 sponsors, including lead sponsors Reps. Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio) and Walter Jones (R-N.C.). Its companion bill in the Senate is S. 985, introduced by Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa). In addition, there is the “21st Century Glass-Steagall” act (S. 1282), introduced by Sens. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), John McCain (R-Ariz.), Angus King (I-Me.), and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), which has a new companion bill (H.R. 3711) in the House, introduced in December by Reps. Walter Jones and John Tierney (D-Mass.).

While the overwhelming number of sponsors of these bills are Democrats, all but S. 985 are bipartisan, and support is widespread among all political persuasions, both in Congress and around the country. The crucial element preventing their enactment is cowardice and capitulation to Wall Street and Presidential power.



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Senate candidate Kesha Rogers campaigns in the “Golden Triangle” in early January, rallying Texans to impeach Obama, reinstate Glass-Steagall, and promote scientific and technological progress.

As state legislatures reopen this month, pressure from those sources on Congress will grow. In the 25 state legislatures where memorials for Glass-Steagall were introduced during 2013, the measures are still alive and well in 7 states, including California, New York (the New York memorial has 33 sponsors), Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Washington. Passage in these states, however, depends on the willingness of the legislators to wage an uncompromising fight against both the Wall Street lobby and their own cowardly colleagues—the kind of principled fight that has rarely been seen since the death of President John F. Kennedy.

The JFK Model

Rogers has pivoted her campaign on the need to revive the Democratic Party of JFK, which once was alive and well in Texas, but has been largely crushed and demoralized. In her Dec. 13 letter, she outlined the stakes and her plan:

“If Wall Street has its way, we are headed toward thermonuclear war. If Wall Street has its way, what remains of the livelihoods of our friends and neighbors will be stolen outright. If Wall Street has its way, there is no hope. Statements by Obama’s personal advisor Valerie Jarrett, ‘There is a complete alignment of interests with Wall Street,’ and presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton, to a room full of Wall Street investors, ‘The

banker-bashing so popular within both political parties [is] unproductive and indeed foolish,’ send a clear message to all thinking American people: They are allied with Wall Street, and against you.

“I am running for the U.S. Senate to take the gloves off against Wall Street and those who are capitulating to it, in order to promote themselves, while the nation faces mass death. Texas already has a tradition of FDR-JFK Democrats fighting for the forgotten man, against Wall Street, including: Barbara Jordan, Wright Patman, Henry B. Gonzalez, Jim Wright, and Ralph Yarborough. Now, with the economic crisis even more dire, no candidate or politician has the right to tell you

to hold your breath and wait until after the election, to ‘see what they will do.’ My campaign here in Texas, for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate, is focused on bringing about the emergency protection measures to save our republic *now*, before the primary, before the general election.

“The specific, wartime-mobilization actions we must take are:

- “• Obama must be impeached, forced to resign, or otherwise legally removed from office.
- “• Glass-Steagall must be reinstated, bankrupting Wall Street and ending its genocidal reign of terror.
- “• American credit must be made available, through Constitutional methods, for relaunching productive work on a mass scale.
- “• Classical culture must be revived, to reawaken in Americans a realistic optimism about the future.

“• Tens of millions of productive jobs must be created, in a nationwide mobilization to immediately solve the real crises we face, due to Wall Street-manufactured shortages, of especially food, energy, water, space defense, and new resource development.

“Nobody out there is mistaking the fakery and lies of Obama with the greatness that Kennedy represented in the Presidency. Kennedy’s challenge to people to aspire to greatness, still resonates in our culture. I am campaigning to revive Kennedy’s vision for the future. That is the only real solution for today and tomorrow;

our future was taken from us, and now we must take it back.”

In direct collaboration with Lyndon LaRouche and the LaRouchePAC Policy Committee, Rogers intends to use her campaign to lift the aspirations of voters, inspiring them with the prospect of new great projects, both on Earth, such as the proposed North American Water and Power Alliance (NAWAPA), and in space, through a top-down revival of NASA. The aim is to transform the 2014 national midterm elections, from the usual pre-programmed drivel, focused on hot-button social issues and mindless attacks on “big government,” to a vision of a post-Obama future, based on the best tradition of the Democratic Party, that of Franklin Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy.

On the Ground in East Texas

Rogers has put a challenge before Texas voters. It’s time to stop complaining that there is nothing you can do, that “they” are too powerful, she said. “I am running to give you a choice. Now, it’s up to you, the voters, to act.”

Rogers took this message to the Texas Golden Triangle¹ this week, campaigning near Beaumont and Orange. Once Democratic Party strongholds, with labor unions representing productive workers in oil fields, refineries and ports, the area’s economic decline has seen a diminution of Democratic votes, the result of demoralization about economic conditions, and the failure of the Party’s candidates to address their concerns.

With the post-2008 policies of Obama, who has functioned as a protector of Wall Street speculators and swindlers, area Democrats have been offered little alternative, except to go along with the Wall Street Dems, which means supporting bailouts, the insurance rip-off and death policy known as Obamacare, and more Greenie deindustrialization, or to back Republicans, who differ only from Wall Street Democrats in their more aggressive push to dismantle government protections, such as FDR’s New Deal policies, the New Frontier of JFK, and the Great Society of Lyndon Johnson, all of which extended the social safety net to those in need, while emphasizing job creation in physical production.

In addition to meeting with key supporters, Rogers was interviewed by a Beaumont radio station, and by the *Orange Leader*, a local daily newspaper. Her cam-

paign theme, centered on crushing Wall Street, with Glass-Steagall, and restoring policies which promote scientific and technological advance, in the tradition of FDR and JFK, cut through the depressing cynicism which has been deepening since the assassination of Kennedy.

It is not surprising that this would resonate with voters in this area of East Texas, where there is a strong tradition of suspicion of Wall Street, informed especially by the battles waged against the Federal Reserve by the late Rep. Wright Patman, from the district north of the Golden Triangle. Many here identify the wild Wall Street speculation of the post-Glass-Steagall era as responsible for the region’s decline, typified by the proliferation of empty buildings in the downtown areas, failed businesses, and foreclosed homes in once well-groomed neighborhoods, and were excited to hear a candidate attack the problem head on.

Future Plans

Rogers’ campaign plans include two major interventions in the period ahead, to lift the focus of Texans to the great projects which have always been the hallmark of Texas politics.

First, on Jan. 25, the Rogers for U.S. Senate campaign will hold a Memorial concert in the Houston area for Dr. Martin Luther King and President Kennedy. Her invitation to this free concert reads: “Dr. Martin Luther King and President John F. Kennedy: two great leaders with one common cause. To free humanity from hate, poverty, oppression, and fear; to remake our world in love, opportunity, and justice. Both died while serving their country and their Creator in the pursuit of this noble endeavor.

“Please join Kesha Rogers, as supporters of her campaign give tribute to the lives of these two great men, by singing musical selections with our campaign chorus. Music will include a variety of American patriotic songs, Negro Spirituals, and selections from works of W.A. Mozart and J.S. Bach, performed at the lower scientific tuning of A=432 Hz.”

Then, on Feb. 15, the anniversary of the Chelyabinsk meteor hit in Russia, Rogers’ campaign will sponsor a Policy Forum on the Planetary Defense of Earth, which will highlight the necessity for the revitalization of NASA, to pursue this urgent mission.

For more information on Rogers’ campaign, see kesharogers.com.

1. The Golden Triangle is an area of southwest Texas encompassing the cities of Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Orange.